

Philmont's 30TH Anniversary



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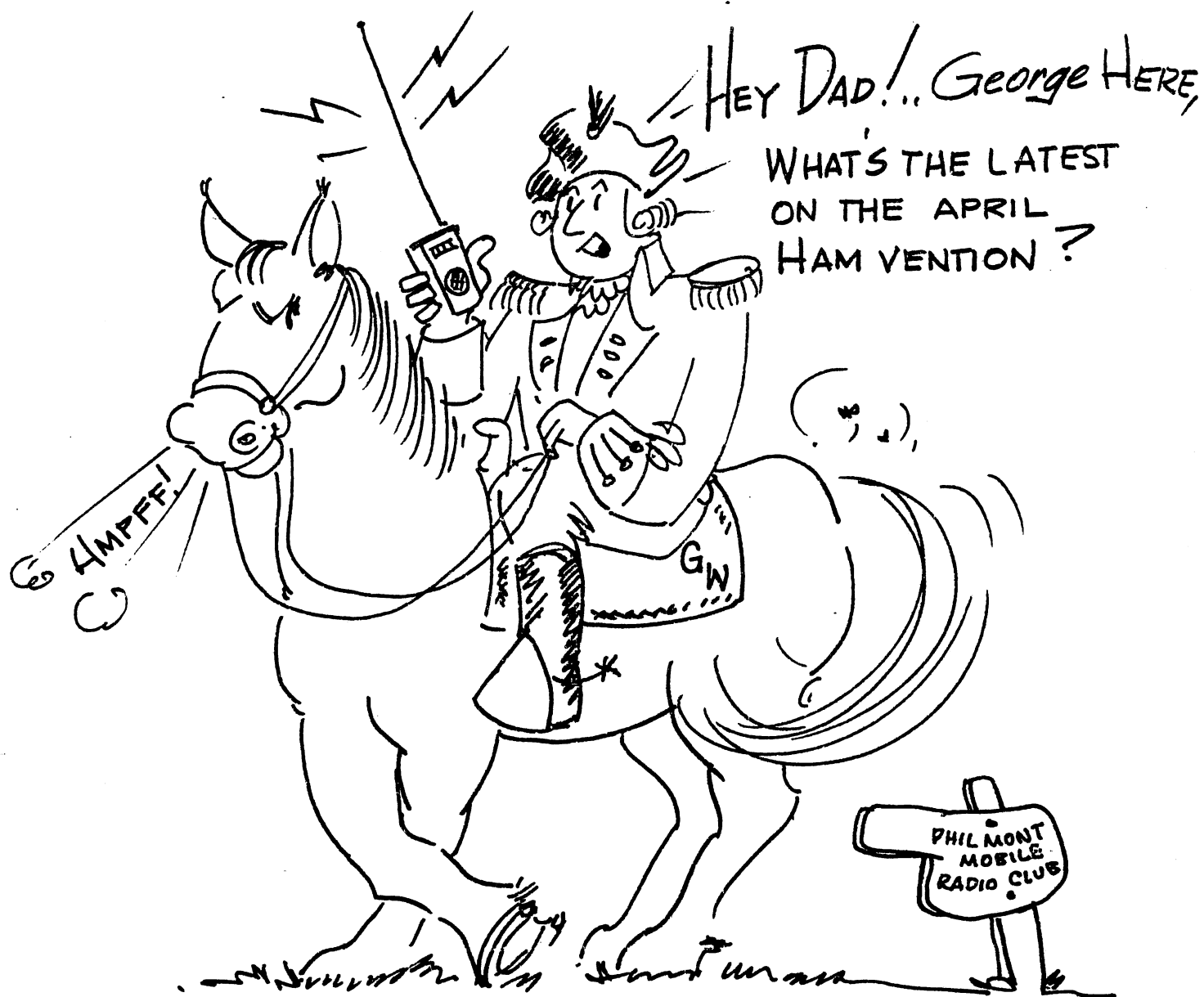
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PHILMONT CLUB NETS

Net Control Chairman: Howard Trout, W3IGW

Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1030 hrs;
80 meters CW (3610 kHz) 1030 hrs;
2 meters FM (147.63/03 via WR3ADS) 0930 hrs.

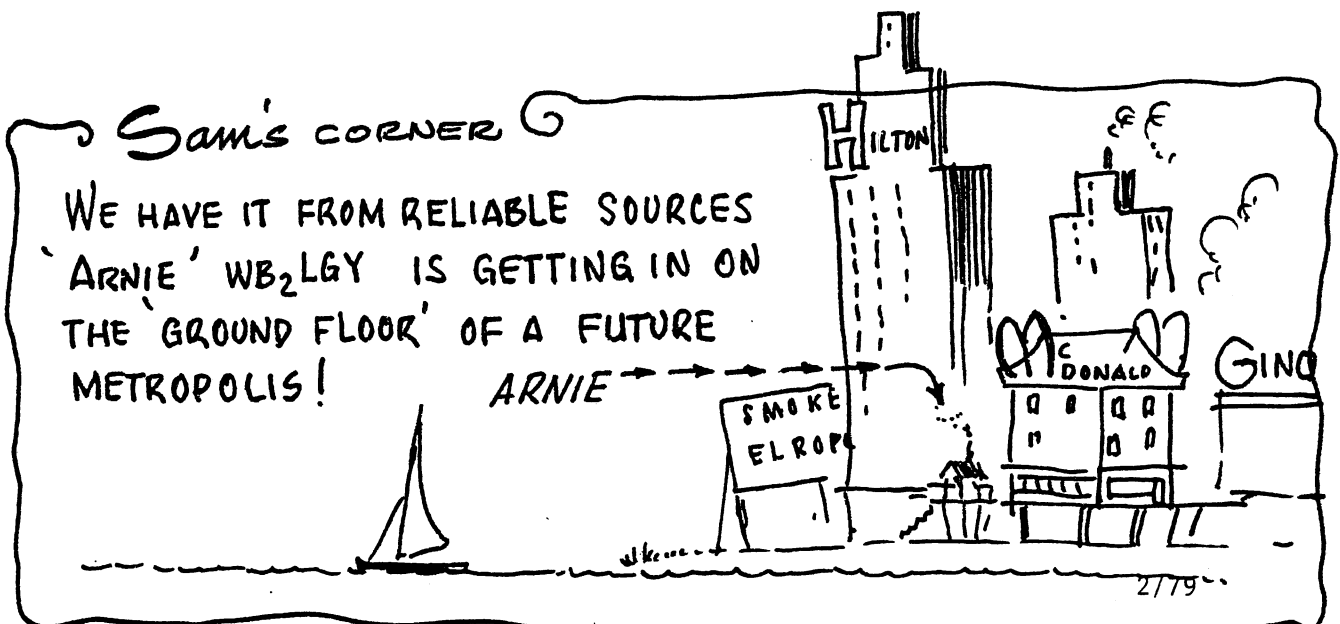
IT SEEMS TO ME

Some years ago a commercial airline pilot, when asked what it was like to fly an airliner, replied, "Hours of sheer boredom interspersed with moments of terror". Putting the BLURB together sometimes fits that description very nicely.

When we decided to run the photo on page 4 of this issue there was a lot of scurrying to get the film developed, the print made, the page layout prepared, and then to deliver the material to the photographer. Two days later the offset mat was delivered and we were "lookin' good". There was sufficient material for a 7 page issue, the cover theme had been selected, the photo page was done and boredom was the word. Meanwhile, back at the 'lil ol' print shop W3AWG was getting sweaty palms because he had never run a metalphoto mat before and wanted as much time as possible. Ye Olde Ed typed the material and got everything set for delivery to Jim and then sat back to await the imminent arrival of the cover and Sam's Corner. After a call to Sam K produced the news that our Intrepid Artist was in Puget Sound on business for a week, PANIC set in. We considered several alternatives which included a blank cover sheet and suicide. The telephone saved us; Sam was back, the covers complete and in the mail; we were saved!

As I write this final page for the issue, I can't help but think how boring a job can become when everything is as well organized as the BLURB staff.

de K3KUD



PREZ SEZ

I would like to thank the members of Philmont for their expression of confidence in electing me to be the 25th President in the history of the club. I also want to thank those who on election night offered me their congratulations, but most of all, offered their help. Certainly thanks must go to all those who took time to vote, either for or against. It showed how much they cared about Philmont.

In this column I will speak of many things during the coming year. This month I hope to urge you to greater effort for Philmont in its 30th Anniversary year. All members of the club have their priorities as to the time and effort that they can give to Philmont. Many put in a great number of hours of work and many do little. We can not criticize the latter because we do not know of the personal situations which exist. We can only hope for a small contribution from those who have the time and the desire to help. To work with other like-minded people is a source of profound satisfaction. This is addressed to old-timers and newcomers alike, "Come join us in the work of Philmont and enjoy". The more you put into Philmont in work and participating in activities, the more enjoyment you derive from it.

I wish to thank the outgoing officers and their committees for work well done in 1978. Philmont now has the largest membership in its history. I particularly welcome the new members and hope they enjoy their coming years in Philmont as I have enjoyed mine in the past. It will be a pleasure to work with you.

de W3AWG

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (Chairmen only listed)

Repeater	W3QQH	Membership	W3KN
Blurb	K3KUD	Photographer	W3OWK
Program	W3RCE	Prizes	WB3CMM
Budget/Audit	W3KN	W3TKQ	W3PWG
Awards	W3AWH	Judge of Elect'n	W3AWH
CommBus	W3QQH	Directory	W3GIF
Net Director	W3IGW	Clambake	W3IGW
2-meters	W3SRU	Bowling Party	W3QQH
10-meters	W3GIF	Stag Dinner	W3WXC
75-meters	W3AWH	Refreshments	W3PWG
Welcoming	W3VVS	Archives	W3AWG

The above are standing committees. Temporary committees will be appointed as required to conduct the activities of the club. Members having interest in any particular committee should contact the chairman listed above to make your interest known.

PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Feb 5 Regular Meeting at Franklin Institute, 8:00 PM. Program subject will be, "The MARS Programs."

Feb 12 Lincoln's Birthday

Feb 14 Midmonth Meeting, 8:00 PM. Location to be announced.

St. Valentine's Day

Feb 19 Washington's Birthday

Feb 26 BLURB folding, W3QQH, 7:15 PM

Feb 28 Ash Wednesday

MEETING REPORT

The Philmont Regular Meeting was held on January 8 at the Franklin Institute with 47 members and 18 visitors present. This meeting marked the beginning of the term of our new officers under the leadership of Jim Rodgers, W3AWG.

The business portion of the meeting included, in addition to Minutes and Treasurer's Report, the reading of the Report of the Budget/Audit Committee; a report on our net operations and a request for additional 75-meter Control Operators, from W3AWH; details of the QST renewal plan being handled by W3ZPP; and a report on the status of W3TKQ from W3PWG. It was also announced that Jack, N3ALW; Len, WB3JUA; and Winnie, K3RAB, had been elected to membership.

The program for the evening was presented by Ed Faye, W3RCE, and the subject was, "Mobile Telephone Systems". Ed discussed the growth and improvement of mobile telephone service from the end of WW II to the present time and then detailed some of the latest developments. He described the methods used currently and those planned for the future to provide more channels, greater coverage, and more positive communications through the use of computers and highly sophisticated mobile equipment and switching systems. When the program was complete those present had an interesting view of things to come from Ma Bell.

Refreshments were provided by the W3TKQ gang as a fitting conclusion to a good meeting.

BOWLING PARTY

This year the Annual Bowling Party will be held on March 17 at the Lawrence Park Lanes in the Lawrence Park Shopping Center, Broomall, PA. More information on this activity will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

PHILMONT OFFICERS - 1979



Pictured above are four of the five newly elected officers of our club. From left to right: George Weed, W3KN, Director; Murray Bevitz, K3SPS, Treasurer; Jim Rodgers, W3AWG, President; Charles "Frenchy" Andrews, W3IRS, Secretary. Ed Faye, W3RCE, V. President, was not available when the picture was taken. (Photo by W3OWK)

Are your club dues for 1979 paid? February 28 is the last day for getting the check to Murray and failure to do so will result in suspension of membership priveleges and your BLURB subscription. You wouldn't want to miss a single issue of the BLURB, now would you?

Dayton is on the horizon! This year the Hamvention will be held on April 27, 28, and 29 and the time for hotel/motel reservations is now. We have no report of an organized trek by the club as yet, but there is no doubt that, as always, a large group of Philmonters will attend. If you have never been to the Dayton Hamvention you have missed a great event and this is your chance to try it. We know you'll like it.

From the West Virginia Army MARS Newsletter comes the following:

NOTICE

1. If you open it, Close it!
2. If you turn it on, turn it off!
3. If you unlock it, lock it!
4. If you make a mess, clean it up!
5. If you borrow it, return it!
6. If you use it, take care of it!
7. If you break it, repair it!
8. If you can't fix it, call someone who can!
9. If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it, get permission!
10. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone!
11. If you move it, put it back!
12. If it doesn't concern you, don't mess with it!

tnx to Frenchy, W3IRS

Jim Rodgers, W3AWG, who, like all of us, is a victim of the computer age and its effect on us sent us the letter reproduced below. It sort of speaks for the multitude.

Giant Credit Corp.
1929 Depression St.
Conglomerate, WI

Dear Computer:

I am 407-923-3101-D. The "D", as I can tell from your warm and friendly ink-jet letters, means you think of me as a deadbeat. I am not.

On January 3rd of this year I purchased an electronic TV game from Marty's Mail Outlets of Chicago and I guess they sold you the "paper" for my balance due of \$87.21. You wrote me a letter thanking me and sent me a payment book. I made one payment.

Then my electronic game went haywire. Not only did I electocute a perfectly good cat, the Civil Aeronautics Boards claims that the interference from my set caused a 727 to become a stretch 727 in mid-air.

To top it all off, the game blew up my \$1200 TV set and the ensuing fire destroyed not one room of my apartment but all three apartments above me. No one was hurt in the fire but during the evacuation I saw my wife emerge from Clyde Metcalf's apartment and since I hate Clyde, I am now divorced.

I feel no obligation to pay another dime for the blasted unit and I suggest you ink-jet Marty's for the balance. You won't get it from me.

407-923-3101-D

The D stands for disgusted

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Name: James P. Faries, W3AOA Handle: Jim
Address: 827 Crum Creek Rd
 Springfield, PA 19064
XYL: Alice (no call) ✓
Occupat'n: Representative
Employer: Samuel K. MacDonald, INC
Phone: (H) 543-9113 (B) 545-1205
Sponsored by: K3NYN; K3FXP; K3RAB

Name: Kenric C. Gary, WB3AHM Handle: Ken
Address: 6815 N. Broad St.
 A-2
 Philadelphia, PA 19126
XYL: - - -
Occup'n: Fire/Para-Medic
Employer: City of Philadelphia
Phone: (H) 424-2630 (B) MU-6-4733
Sponsored by: WB3CMM; W3RCE

Action on the above applications will be taken at the February Midmonth Meeting.

Please note the following Directory correction:

K2RRC Bob Namm Home Telephone should read (609) 365-4925

SWAP AND SHOP

For sale: Record player turntable assembly. Dumont 819144
 Stereo/monaural Hi-Fi; Automatic, 78, 45, 33, 16 RPM.
 New w/o carton.

\$25.00

Contact Charles "Frenchy" Andrews, W3IRS
 Phone: 356-9299

SOME PHILOSOPHICAL THOUGHTS

Snow is beautiful - when you are watching the other fellow shovel it!

Nothing in nature is more beautiful than a single snowflake, and nothing is more rare.

Even a fish won't get caught if it keeps its mouth shut.

Do not resent growing old; many are denied the privilege.

Tnx to W3AWG

PHILMONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INC.

1979 Budget

INCOME

Dues	\$1300.00
Prize Drawings	540.00
Special Events	1600.00
Misc. Income	150.00
Surplus, 1978	<u>51.42</u>
	\$3641.42

EXPENSES

Prizes	\$ 480.00
Special Events	1700.00
Repeater	350.00
Flowers	75.00
Blurb	300.00
Capital Improvement	350.00
Misc. Expenses	150.00
CommBus Maintenanace	175.00
Anticipated Surplus	<u>61.42</u>
	\$3641.42

/s/ G.B.Weed, W3KN
Chairman, Budget Committee

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